

is for barley - a type of cereal grain. Barley is grown for three major uses: livestock feed, malting and for people to eat. The amount of barley used as human food is small and mostly for use in soups and stews and some types of flour. The kernel must be "pearled" to remove the tightly attached hulls. Barley grows in 27 states in the US. Major producing states are: North Dakota, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Colorado, Wyoming, Virginia, Minnesota, Maryland, South Dakota, Oregon and Utah.